

ABSTRACT**APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

5 The apparatus has a user interface (16) having a keyboard
 (17) for enabling a user to input information, a display
 (15) for displaying information to the user, a data store
 (28) for storing keywords and a processor (10) having
 associated memory (11). The processor (10) is configured
10 by program instructions to provide an information alerter
 that has an icon displayer (30) for displaying an
 information alerter icon on top of an applications window
 displayed on the display (15); a keystroke receiver (26)
 for receiving keystroke information relating to
15 keystrokes made by the user to input information into an
 applications window displayed by the displayed by the
 display (15); a keyword comparer (27) for comparing
 keywords stored in the data store (28) with keystroke
 information received by the keystroke receiver; and a
20 user alerter (310 for causing at least a part of the
 alerter icon to change when the keyword comparer (27)
 identifies at least one keyword corresponding to
 information input to an application as keystrokes by the
 user.

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(FIGURE 3)